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SUBJ: TIME CRITICIZED WHILE AMALRIK BURNED

1. TIME CORRESPONDENT JOHN SHAW CRITICIZED BY TASS IN LITERATURNAYA GAZETA ARTICLE AUG 15 FOR ALLEGEDLY TWISTING FACTS ON AMALRIK RE-SENTENCING AS SUPPLIED BY TASS. IN MAKING CASE, WRITER YURI KORNILOV GIVES UNUSUAL DETAILS ON AMALRIK IN EFFORT TO DISCREDIT VARIED WESTERN REPRORTS ON SO-CALLED "WELL -KNOWN WRITER," FREETHINING INTELLECTUAL" AND "PHILOSOPHER". (THIS FOLLOWS SIMILARLY RARE PUBLIC DISCLOSURES IN MEDIA RECENTLY ON ZHORES MEDVEDEV PASSPORT WITHDRAWAL, USE OF PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND SAKHAROV AND BOELL CRITICISMS OF SOVIET SYSTEM. DETAILS FOLLOW IN SEPARA A AIRGRAM.)

2. TASS ADDITIONALLY SEEMS ANXIOUS CLEAR ITS OWN ROLE IN ANSWERING DIRECT SHAW REQUEST FOR AMALRIK FACTS AS USED IN AUGUST 6 EDITION TIME UNDER REPORTED TITLE, "FORCED JOURNEY." ACKNOWLEDGIN SHAW'S FOLLOW-UP TELGRAM OF THANKS AND HOPES FOR FUTURE "JOINT COOPERATION", KORNILOV LOFTILY ASSERTS THAT SUCH COOPERATION CAN ONLY BE BASED ON TRUTH. FYI,
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WASHINGTON POST JULYUGEP RAN MOSCOW DATELINE ITEM COMMENTING

POSITIVELY ON TASS SERVICING TIME.

3. COMMENT: RECENT APPARENT SOVIET FRANKNESS ON SOME NAGGING
INTERNAL QUESTIONS PUBLICIZED IN WEST SUGGESTS THEY FEEL NEED
TO DISAVOW FOREIGN REPORTS FILTERING INTO COUNTRY DESPITE
CONTINUED STRINGENT CONTROLS. ONE MEANS IS BY ADOPTING
SEEMINGLY FORTHRIGHT STANCE WHILE WAVING PATRIOTIC BANNERS.
FOR BACKGROUND WE NOTE PRIVATE COMMENT BY LEADING TELEVISION
COMMENTATOR VALENTIN ZORIN. ASKED EARLIER THIS MONTH WHY
JAMMING OF VOA RUSSIAN LANGUAGE BROADCASTS CONTINUING WHILE
ENGLISH REMAINS UNDISTURBED, ZORIN SAID RUSSIANS WHO KNOW
ENGLISH CONSIDERED SOPHISTICATED ENOUGH TO FIELD SUCH BROADCASTS.
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